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Applicant(s): William H. HARRIS et al.

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RANGE OF MOTION

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2003 (Paper No. 7). Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the application and request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following remarks.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required, but expressly request an extension, and provide an authorization to charge our firm deposit account, should an extension be needed. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641.